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1. There are 22,000-25,000 Soviet troops in the Luckenwalde-Jüterbog area. (The total is broken down in subsequent paragraphs). Of this total, approximately 4,000 are recruits more or less evenly split between the two towns. ¶ The recruits are now wearing arms or branch insignia which are issued only on the completion of basic training. The entire area seems to contain only combat personnel with little sign of supply or support units of any kind.

2. The Jüterbog training ground is used both by local units and those based in Luckenwalde. There are daily exercises of approximately 1,500 rifle, armored and artillery troops. Almost without exception, exercises are performed with gas masks worn. §§ The central fuel dump lies about 1,000 meters northeast of the Jüterbog railroad station, to the right of the line to Zossen.

b. Luckenwalde (Z70)

a. Stalag I - 2,000 men, almost all with artillery insignia. The camp, on the road to Frankenförde, was 33 percent destroyed during the war but has been built up with wooden and stone barracks as well as stone sheds for vehicles and equipment. Thirty-five light and medium AA guns were seen. §§

b. Factory area - 500 men. Approximately half this number are officers up to the rank of major; since there is no staff present, this may be the site of an artillery school. No weapons were observed.

c. Jüterbog (E69)

a. Stadtteil III - 6,000-7,000, mostly armored troops wearing Guards insignia and said by workers to belong to a Guards Armored Division. This complex consists of former artillery school barracks in the Brückeustrasse. Workers claim that sheds contain 120 T-34's, about 30 JS-3, and 90-80 multiple rocket launchers.

b. am Bahnhof - 4,000 men wearing artillery, radio, and TC insignia. There are six large 4-story buildings. Workers allege that sheds hold 40-45 tanks (twenty-eight T-34 were seen by source) and forty guns (76.2 and 107 (sic) mm).

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c. Damm - 3,000-3,500 men, chiefly artillery with a sprinkling of armored troops. Equipment, kept in hangars and two large parking areas on the airfield, includes eighty T-34 and T-34/85 and sixty guns (76.2, 107 (sic) and 122mm). Special training with artillery range finding by radio is given here.

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d. Neues Lager - 4,000 men, half artillery, half armored. Surveillance of this camp is difficult, [redacted] with statements made by camp workers, suggest that weapons include fifty T-34, twenty JS-1, and 130 guns "up to 152 mm".

e. Altes Lager - 3,500-4,000 men of whom 1,500 are motorized rifle troops, the rest armored and artillery. Sixty guns, chiefly 102 mm, and thirty T-34 tanks were seen. Eighty Germans are employed in a munitions repair point inside the camp. One worker reports that this ammunition is sent to Jüterbog and Luckenwalde units and that some ammunition is sent nightly by truck to a forest camp near Werder and near the western edge of the firing range now under construction.

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§ [redacted] a Soviet NCO with saying that there were 2,000 recruits in Jüterbog and 1,000 in Luckenwalde. [redacted]

§§ Reports from this and other sources indicate Soviet stress on anti-gas training this season.

§§§ Source last reported 1,200 AA troops in this area. [redacted]

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Map Attachments Installations in the Luckenwalde-Jüterbog area.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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